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CERTIFIED RETURN RECEIPT P 074 976 692

Ken Cooper C & R Minerals P.O. Box 4 Mack, Colorado 81525

Re: Status of Small Mining Operation, C&R Minerals Mill Site, S/019/024, Grand County, Utah

Dear Mr Cooper:

In February of 1995 the Division sent a letter to you requesting annual reports for the C & R Minerals Mill site #S/019/024. Your response indicated the operations ended in the spring of 1991 and the site was reclaimed and approved by the BLM. The mine site (Lob 41, S/019/025) was in fact inspected and released by the BLM and the Division released this site in December 1996. The area in question is the mill site which was associated with the Lob 41 mine site.

An area of approximately three (3) acres was disturbed within the mill site. This was documented during a 1990 site visit by Holland Shepard of our office, which was attended by you. The components of this milling operation that were evident in the photos at that time were still in existence during a 1997 site visit.

The Utah Mined Land Reclamation Act and Minerals Rules state that the operator of record will be held responsible for disturbance that occur on a permitted site. The Minerals Rule R647-3-111 states: "If the operator of a small mining operation fails or refuses to conduct reclamation as required by the Act and these rules, The Board may, after notice and hearing, order that:

- 1. Reclamation may be conducted by the Division; and
- The costs and expenses of reclamation, together with costs of collection including attorney's
  fees, be recovered in a civil action brought by the attorney general against the operator in
  any appropriate court.

The 1998 annual \$100.00 permit fee assessed against this site is presently delinquent. These fees are due and will be charged to the site until reclamation at the site is complete and accepted by the Division. We have enclosed another billing notice for this delinquent permit fee. The annual permit fees for 1999 will be due in July (a letter and separate billing notice will be sent out later this month for the 1999 fees).